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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This Response is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 4, 2003, setting forth a three-month shortened statutory period for response ending on May 4, 2003. Filed herewith is a petition requesting a three-month extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, extending the period for response until August 4, 2003. Please charge the fees for a three-month extension of time to Deposit Account No. 04-1415, as well as any additional fees which may be required.

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